

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our condolences to the family and friends of Claire Earley. She was a woman of great faith, a force of nature and always a force for good. We are a better community because of her and a stronger country.

HONORING MAYOR JAMES 'JIM' DARLING

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor James 'Jim' Darling on the occasion of his retirement. Mayor Darling faithfully served the City of McAllen, Texas for 43 years and will close out his tenure as mayor this May.

Mayor Darling was born in Rochester, New York, and then selflessly joined the U.S. Air Force. He completed two tours in Vietnam with the U.S. Air Force as a staff sergeant and eventually earned the rank of 2nd Class Petty Officer for the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Mayor Darling initially came to Texas to attend Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he obtained his bachelor's and law degree. After Baylor, he moved to McAllen, Texas, where his love for the community kept him for over 40 years. Mayor Darling spent 28 years as city attorney for the City of McAllen and other government entities. He also served as the District 6 City Commissioner for two terms before being elected as Mayor of McAllen in 2013.

During Darling's two terms as Mayor, he was devoted to expanding educational opportunities and investing in public safety and infrastructure in McAllen and the entire Rio Grande Valley. He was deeply involved in the establishment of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Medical School, UTRGV Research Center and a Texas A&M University campus, attracting future professionals to the area. He also oversaw the merger of the Valley's three Metropolitan Planning Organizations and spearheaded key road and traffic improvements, an expansion of the city police department, an expansion of McAllen International Airport, and the construction of a new fire department.

Under Mayor Darling's leadership, the city also saw stadium improvements, park developments, and the construction of the McAllen Performing Arts Center. Mayor Darling also fought to bring broadband for underserved neighborhoods and worked with Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley to open the Humanitarian Respite Center.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Mayor Darling for his leadership and more than four decades of service to the City of McAllen. While he credits many for his accomplishments, it takes a true leader to make a difference of this magnitude. He serves as both a light in our community and a role model. It is an honor to represent a dedicated public servant like Jim Darling. I wish Mayor Darling, my good friend, the best in his future endeavors.

SHOHZODAKHON (SHAHZODA) BURHONOVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Shohzodakhon (Shahzoda) Burhonova for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Shohzodakhon (Shahzoda) Burhonova is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Shohzodakhon (Shahzoda) Burhonova is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Shohzodakhon (Shahzoda) Burhonova for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING KYLE J. SILER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle J. Siler. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle J. Siler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this infor-

mation, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 19

6 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the negotiation process and understanding the security situation in Afghanistan.

SVC-217

APRIL 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine Defense Health Program.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine investing in rural communities.

WEBEX

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine strengthening the Federal Trade Commission's authority to protect consumers.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine combatting inequality, focusing on the tax code and racial, ethnic, and gender disparities.

WEBEX

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine COVID-19 recovery, focusing on supporting workers and modernizing the workforce through quality education, training, and employment opportunities.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine voting rights.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

To hold hearings to examine the American Jobs Plan, focusing on infrastructure, climate change, and investing in our nation's future.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine improving access and inclusivity in the patent system, focusing on unleashing America's economic engine.

SD-226